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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## America's Greatest Sin The Eternal Security of the Believer

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The repeal of Prohibition has made drinkers and drunkards of millions of our people.

Proverbs: 23rd Chapter, verses 29 to 35: "Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not; when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again."

Proverbs 20th Chapter, verse 1: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

I Corinthians: 6th chapter, verses 9 and 10: "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolators, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God."

Habakkuk 2nd chapter, Verse 15: "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness."

Daniel: 9th Chapter, verses 10 and 11: "Neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord, our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him."

Said Murl Vance, "There are many tragedies worse than death, and I would rather see a boy of mine struck down by leaden bullets any day, than to see him

struck down by the living death of social disease or drunkenness. When the hour of death comes to him as it must to us all sometime, I want him to face it with his chin up, presenting to his Maker a clean, clear mind, and a body uncontaminated by preventable diseases and soul-destroying habits."

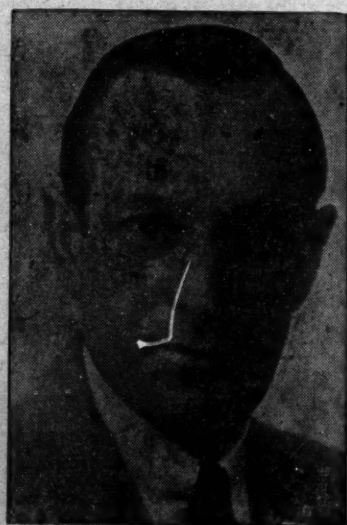
Then he said, "I talked with one man, an evacuee from Singapore, who declared that the alcoholic situation was jeopardizing the United Nations, and that thousands of lives were being lost, which would be saved if the men would keep sober."

Friends, when a mother gives her boy to her country, she prays every day to God to keep him from evil influences, but the brewers hold a convention in which they say, "We've got to sell more liquor around the Army Camps."

Alcohol Brings Down Fall of Nations

Said Charles S. Longacre, Secretary of the American Temperance Society, "There never has

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## News About Sword of The Lord Books

BY THE EDITOR

The Sword of the Lord Publishers spent over \$5,000 getting out The Sword of The Lord and other Christian literature, principally books and pamphlets by the editor, in March. In April we spent \$6,060 in getting out gospel literature. And, as Miss Viola Walden told you last week, we heard from 122 people who had trusted Christ as Saviour through The Sword of The Lord and the editor's books and pamphlets, according to their own report.

The demand for many books is

so large that we have great difficulty keeping them in stock. We are sorry we have had to delay sending tens of thousands of copies of the little booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved," that were ordered. However, now a new printing has just come off the press, of approximately 360,000 copies. Back orders are being sent out and we can supply the demand, sending them free if you faithful

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By H. A. IRONSIDE, D.D., LITT.D.  
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Can a Believer Ever Be Lost?

It has been announced that I will speak to you on a subject which has occasioned a good deal of controversy among the people of God. I want to take as a starting-point — not exactly as a text, because we shall be looking at a good many scriptures — Romans 8:38, 39: "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." This is the inspired answer to the question of verse 35: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" That is, once we are Christians, once we know the love of Christ, once we have been justified by faith, who is there, what power is there, that can separate from the love of Christ? And the answer, how full, how clear, not a shadow, not a doubt, not a question left, when the apostle says that neither death nor life shall separate! Can you think of anything which is neither included in death nor in life? Neither death nor life shall separate!

Then, no unseen powers can separate the believer from Christ, "Neither angels, nor principalities, nor powers." These terms are used again and again in the New Testament, particularly in the Epistles, for angelic hosts, good and evil. When our Saviour rose from the dead He spoiled principalities and powers, that is, He defeated all the hosts of evil led by Satan; and so we may take it that the angels referred to here are good angels, and the principalities and powers are possibly evil angels. But there is nothing that good angels would do, and nothing that evil angels can do, which will result in the separation of the believer from Christ. And then further, he says, "Neither things present nor things to come." Again let me put the question, Can you think of any experience through which a believer might ever go which is neither a thing present nor a thing to come? And the Holy Ghost says that neither things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from the love of Christ. As though that were not enough, He speaks in a more general way when He says that neither "height nor depth (nothing in heaven, nothing in hell), nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." It looks to me as though we are pretty safe if we are believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Eternal Security: Its Meaning

When we speak of the eternal security of the believer, what do we mean? We mean that once a poor sinner has been regenerated by the Word and the Spirit of God, once he has received a new life and a new nature, has been made partaker of the divine nature, once he has been justified from every charge before the throne of God, it is absolutely impossible that that man should ever again be a lost soul. Having said that, let me say what we do not mean when we speak of the eternal security of the believer. We do not mean that it necessarily follows that if one professes to be saved, if he comes out to the front in a meeting, shakes the preacher's hand, and says he accepts the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour, that that person is eternally safe. It does not mean that if one joins a church or makes

a profession of faith, is baptized, becomes a communicant, takes an interest in Christian work, that that person is forever secure. It does not mean that because one manifests certain gifts and exercises these gifts in Christian testimony, that that person is necessarily eternally secure.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said to the people of His day, as recorded in Matthew 7:21-23: "Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity." Such people then may have been very active in what is called Christian work — they have preached, they have cast out demons, that is, their influence has been such that men and women have found deliverance from satanic power through their ministrations in the name of Jesus, they have professed with their lips, they have accomplished many wonderful works, but they are



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found in that day among the lost, and when they plead their great activity and their earnestness in Christian testimony, the Lord says to them, "I never knew you." Notice, He does not say to them, "I used to know you, but you have forfeited My favor and I do not know you any longer." He says, "I never knew you."

The Sheep of Christ

You remember how He speaks of His own in John 10:27-30: "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. My Father, which gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are one." Of His own He says, "I know them." Of these others, in spite of all their activity, in spite of all their accomplishments, He says in the day of judgment, "I never knew you"

Christ's One Offering

When we say that the believer in the Lord Jesus is eternally secure, we base it upon a number of lines of scriptural testimony. In the first place, we rest it upon the

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## Loyalty or Disaster

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Loyalty to Our Nation

ANDREW JACKSON: "The Bible is the rock on which our Republic rests."

DANIEL WEBSTER: "If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instruction and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity."

WOODROW WILSON: "Our civilization cannot survive materially unless it is redeemed spiritually."

A LEADING FRENCH CATHOLIC PRIEST in 1938 declared: "There can be no hope of saving France from annihilation unless there is a return to Bible standards of living." France fell, not because of inability or cowardice, but because many of her officers and men were

too drunk to fight.

LORD WILBURFORCE, speaking from the floor of the English Parliament, discussing Hitler's threat to annihilate England, said: "All of England's difficulties are due to the decline of religion."

COMMUNISTIC LEADERS have declared repeatedly: "Any government, Church, or institution which stands in the way of attaining a Communistic State must be ruthlessly overthrown and destroyed."

We know now that the slaughter of millions of Catholics and Protestants in Russia, the revolution in Spain, the heartless persecution of Jews by Hitler, and of all Christians by Japan were beginnings of a WORLD-WIDE ATTEMPT to "Abolish Christianity preparatory to destroying national

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been a greater menace to civilization and the cause of righteousness than the slavery and wretchedness imposed upon humanity by the liquor traffic. There never has been a land or an age in which people have not felt the merciless grip of its fetters. It has broken more homes, saddened more hearts; impoverished more families; provoked more quarrels, fostered more fights; wrecked more lives; blasted more hopes and reputations; committed more crimes; lost more wars; and ruined more nations than any other evil agency in this world. An eminent statesman aptly summed up the evil effects of the liquor traffic when he said, 'It is the sum of all villainies, the father of all crime, the mother of all abominations, the curse of all curses, the devil's best friend and God's worst enemy.' History testifies that drink has been one of the chief causes of the downfall of nations."

"Everybody knows how Babylon was overthrown—Belshazzar made a great feast to a thousand of his lords and drank wine before the thousand." How they drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, brass, or iron, of wood, and of stone; and how that very night Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans was slain, and Darius the Median took the kingdom. That night of revelry and debauchery in Babylon was the night of her doom. The drunken Babylonians fled in all directions. . . . The dawn found a victorious Persian army in complete possession of the city.

Alexander the Great and his Macedonian soldiers were at first invincible. But after Alexander had conquered the world, he was himself conquered by the wine cup. He abandoned himself to drink. At the age of thirty-two he was master of the world, but a slave to alcohol. A few months after he had reached the peak of his conquests he was invited to a bacchanalian carousal. "There," says Plutarch, "he drank all that night and the next day, till, at last he found a fever coming upon him." Thus died the mighty conqueror in a drunken debauch.

On Christmas night, 1776, General Washington, knowing that Colonel Rahl and his mercenary Hessian soldiers would, as customary, give themselves over to feasting and drunkenness in their barracks at Trenton and so be off guard in the early hours of the morning, decided to make his attack with a handful of American soldiers, and won a historic victory for the cause of freedom.

The battle of Waterloo on June 18, 1815, was lost by Napoleon because Marshal Ney failed to make his appearance as ordered on June 17. Retiring to his quarters the night before, after imbibing too freely of his favorite Burgundy, he "fell into a deep and prolonged sleep, and when he awoke . . . he found himself apparently unable to give orders or to reach any decisions." The result was a day's delay, the arrival of Blucher's troops, and a victory for Wellington.

According to a press report, when the Germans were closing in on Paris in March, 1918, just before the Battle of the Marne, "The French had left a great supply of alcoholic drink as the surest means of retarding the German advance. Two whole divisions were found drunk ready to be cut down by the Allied troops. . . . Said the officer in charge, 'If we had not found alcohol, we should have advanced further than the March offensive.'"

In 1925 the famous French edi-

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tor, Payot, wrote words of warning to the people of France, which, if heeded, undoubtedly would have saved their country from humiliation and defeat in 1940. He said, "Alcoholism, under the indifferent eyes of the authorities, is indeed destroying our nation. . . . I solemnly affirm that from now on one might inscribe on the windows of all public houses in France these fateful words, 'The End of France'."

You all remember the words of General Petain after the recent conquest of France. "Our soldiers were drunk and would not fight. Since the victory of World War I the spirit of pleasure, of riotous living and drinking, has prevailed over the spirit of sacrifice." It has been said that 18 per cent of the French soldiers from the Maginot Line were in hospitals suffering from delirium tremens at the time of the invasion. As General Petain admitted, "Alcoholism was the chief cause of the French Armies' moral collapse and the worst of France's four greatest problems."

Before France fell she had 477,000 drink shops. Today the United States has more than four hundred thousand saloons. Will America wake up and destroy this fifth columnist within her borders? Our soldiers, sailors, and airmen should be given the best, and protected from the worst. The beer given our boys contains 3 and .2 per cent alcohol, but the American Medical Association declares that alcohol is a poison inherently, absolutely, essentially in a drop or in a gill, in a pint or in a gallon, in all quantities and in every quality it is a poison. Alcohol will kill anything alive and will preserve anything that is dead.

### Drink Ruining America

Alcohol cuts down youth in its prime; manhood in its strength; and age in its weakness. Alcohol fosters quarrels and cherishes riots. It crowds penitentiaries and furnishes victims for the scaffolds. Alcohol makes men bleary-eyed, jittery-nerved, undependable. It will do this for our boys in the army and navy. America, take heed. Outlaw John Barleycorn! The Liquor bill of the United States of America for the year 1941 would have built eight thousand cargo vessels.

The liquor industry of the United States sank the equivalent of 213 boatloads of grain, 207 boatloads of fruit, and 13 boatloads of sugar in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages. Said W. C. Moffitt, "We are virtually being drowned in drink." From April 1933 to August 31, 1941, or one hundred and one months of repeal witnessed the consumption of thirteen billion, nine hundred and twenty-four million, eight hundred and seventy-one thousand, two hundred and ninety-seven gallons of legalized alcoholic drinks by the American people at a cost of twenty-three billion, three hundred and eighty-six million, five hundred and twenty-six thousand dollars. In addition it is estimated that approximately three billion gallons of illegal whiskey were sold surreptitiously during the seven year period. Federal agents averaged twenty-five thousand arrests a year for violation of the liquor laws and destroyed one thousand stills a month while the Treasury Department and the liquor interests unite in bawling the enormous increase in the illicit trade. So, you see, the repeal of Prohibition didn't do away with the bootlegger according to these statistics.

There are now more than four hundred thousand saloons and bars with a brass rail in America, to say nothing of three hundred thousand other establishments where legalized liquor is sold, or four times the number that there were before Prohibition. There are two saloons to every church; three saloons to every school; one saloon to every seventy-five families in America; one saloon to every fifty-one of our youth between the ages of 16 to 24, says the American Business Men's Foundation. Says the New York Times, "The old saloon had its faults, but at the worst there never was any chance that you would have to fight your way through schoolgirls to get to the bar. In the old days it was come home, dear father, come home with

me now. Today it is come home, dear daughter."

Said Bishop Edgar Lake of Detroit, "The saloon has returned in forms a thousand fold more vicious and destructive than in the days of unrestricted freedom. The beer gardens, the cocktail lounge, the night clubs, the wayside brothels have arisen in our midst to debauch our youth. Never have we witnessed such drunkenness. Never has our American womanhood fallen so low as since repeal. The Federal Penitentiaries are filled with its criminals. Respectable people shunned the old saloons; today it is popular to drink cocktails with their alcoholic base."

The brewer's digest had this to say concerning beer in the Army camps. "Here is a chance for brewers to cultivate a taste for beer in millions of young men who will eventually constitute the largest beer-consuming section of our population." *All the booze in the world is not worth one mother's tears.*

Four hundred and seventy-four million gallons of distilled spirits were produced in 1941. This is 100,000,000 gallons more than in 1940. The manufacture of beer and ale should be added to these figures. Also, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1941, there were produced five million, one hundred eighty thousand and ninety-nine gallons of gin. Endeavor to comprehend the true meaning of these figures in terms of decreased efficiency, of human wreckage, of wasted war materials! Think of the transportation involved in delivering these products to consumers when railroad and truck space is so precious. Can we afford to let liquor products enjoy this priority?

### Can We Afford the Cost?

Last year the people of the United States of America paid two billion, five hundred million dollars for public education, and during the same period paid three billion, three hundred thousand dollars for liquor. In other words, they paid about eight hundred million dollars more for drink than for education.

Said Evangeline Booth, "Drink has drained more blood; hung more crepe, sold more homes; plunged more people into bankruptcy; armed more villains; slain more children; snapped more wedding rings; defiled more innocence; blinded more eyes; twisted more limbs; de-throned more reason; wrecked more manhood; dishonored more womanhood; broken more hearts; blasted more lives; driven more to suicide; and dug more graves than any other poison scourge that ever sent its death-dealing waves across the world."

Alcohol strips the individual and the Nation on a prodigious scale. Before repeal the cost of arrests in Los Angeles was eight hundred and thirty-six thousand dollars per year. Now it is two million, three hundred and sixty-thousand a year.

Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, speaking before the National Nutritional Conference in Washington, D. C., May 26, 1941, said: "At least three-fourths of the people of the United States do not have what can be called good diets by any reasonable standards. At least forty millions are suffering from very bad diets."

The four billion, one hundred eighty-seven million, one hundred ninety-two thousand pounds of wheat, barley, rye, corn and sugar, as well as one hundred and sixty-five million gallons of molasses, might have provided everyone of America's forty million underprivileged with an extra loaf of bread and an additional quart of milk every day in the year.

The liquor bill of our nation is nine million dollars a day which would do one of the following:

Feed one million Chinese refugee children for nine months.

Feed most of Europe's famine-threatened people.

Pay for 180 bombers at \$50,000 each.

Almost pay for a destroyer every day.

Pay for one or more submarines.

Completely train some 600 military pilots at \$15,000 each.

Manufacture 180,000 Garand rifles at \$50,000 each.

Every nine days the people of the United States spend enough money on liquor to build a battleship, or forty battleships every year. Added to all this there is not one single good thing that ever has been or

ever can be said for liquor. The greatest medical authorities in the world, including the late great Mayo Brothers, have pronounced all alcohol an evil and not even fit for medicine.

That booze gang curse and damn Webber. But I am ready to be cursed and damned by the wet crowd if I can save one boy or girl from a drunkard's grave; and one mother from a broken heart.

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### The Prisoners at the Bar

The following pathetic story of the tragic and evil effects of drink in a certain locality should be a lesson to every American citizen at this time when our country again is in the grip of the accursed liquor traffic. We do not need a prophet to tell us that our last state is worse than the first. We are again wallowing in the mire which drink eventually sinks every one who indulges in it.

Any individual, city, state, or country endorsing and legalizing the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor sooner or later will reap the consequences for taking such a stand on this very important question.

Read this story and never again be guilty of allowing your influence for such a gigantic evil to be felt in this direction.

"Prisoner at the bar, have you anything to say why the sentence of death shall not be passed upon you?"

A solemn hush fell over the crowded court-room and every person waited in almost breathless expectation for an answer to the judge's question.

The judge waited in dignified silence.

Not a whisper was heard, and the situation had become painfully oppressive when the prisoner was seen to move, his head was raised, his hand was clenched, and the blood rushed into his pale careworn face. Suddenly he arose to his feet, and in a low, firm, but distinct voice, said:—

"I have. Your honor, you have asked me a question, and now I ask, as the last favor on earth, that you will not interrupt my answer until I have finished."

"I stand before this bar, convicted of the wilful murder of my wife. Truthful witnesses have testified to the fact that I was a loafer, a drunkard, and a wretch; that I returned from one of my prolonged debauches and fired the fatal shot that killed the wife I had sworn to love, cherish and protect. While I have no remembrance of committing the fatal deed, I have no right to complain or to condemn the verdict of the twelve good men who have acted as jury in the case, for their verdict is in accordance with the evidence."

"But may it please the court, I wish to show that I am not alone responsible for the murder of my wife!"

This startling statement created a tremendous sensation. The judge leaned over the desk, the lawyers wheeled around and faced the prisoner in amazement, while the spectators could hardly suppress their intense excitement. The prisoner paused a few seconds, and then continued in the same firm, distinct voice.

"I repeat, your honor, that I am not the only one guilty of the murder of my wife. The judge on this bench, the jury in the box, the lawyers within this bar, and most of the witnesses, including the pastor of the old church, are also guilty before Almighty God, and will have to stand before his judgment throne, where we shall be righteously judged."

"Had it not been for the saloons of my town, I should never have become a drunkard; my wife would not have been murdered; I should not be here now, ready to be hurled into eternity. Had it not been for these human traps, I should have been a sober man, an industrious workman, a tender father and a loving husband. But today my home is destroyed, my wife murdered, my little children—God bless and care for them!—cast out on the mercy of the world, while I am to be hanged by the strong arm of the state."

"God knows I tried to reform; but as long as the open saloon was in my pathway, my weak, diseased will power was no match

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and individual freedom." OUR LAWS are founded upon the Bible; our morality, friendliness, honesty, freedom and justice are derived from it. Where the Bible is neglected these ideals gradually disappear.

(Witness the aggressor nations and those whose disgrace and downfall have preceded them). Our laws demand "freedom of religion," i.e. that everyone may worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. But the makers of those laws are being betrayed today by national enemies who interpret the "separation of Church and State" to mean the destruction of both by sweeping away the very foundation on which they are built.

SOME COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS are reminding their teachers that, "The overthrow of our government and the abolishing of our schools is inevitable unless we can lay again in the hearts of our children a foundation of Christian truth."

Prov. 14:34. "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people."

### Loyalty to Our President

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT recently lamented the "education in evil" which has brought about a "brutal cynicism" on the part of millions who "have been taught to hold the human race in contempt, to deny the truth in the dignifying words of Genesis: 'God created man in His own image.'" He states that

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against the fearful, consuming, agonizing appetite for liquor.

"For one year our town was without a saloon. For one year I was a sober man. For one year my wife and children were happy, and our little home was a paradise."

"I was one of those who signed remonstrances against reopening the saloons in our town. One half of this jury, the prosecuting attorney on this case, and the judge who sits on this bench, all voted for the saloon. By their votes and influence saloons were reopened, and they have made me what I am."

The impassioned words of the prisoner fell like coals of fire upon the hearts of those present, and many of the spectators and some of the lawyers were moved to tears. The judge made a motion as if to stop further speech, when the speaker hastily said:—

"No! no! your honor, do not close my lips; I have nearly finished."

"I began my downward career at a saloon bar, legalized and protected by the votes of this town. After the saloons you allowed have made me a drunkard and a murderer, I am taken before another bar,—the bar of justice,—and now the power of the law will conduct me to a place of execution and hasten my soul into eternity. I shall appear before another bar,—the judgment bar of God,—and there you who have legalized the traffic will have to appear with me. Think you that the Great Judge will hold me—the poor, weak, helpless victim of your traffic—alone responsible for the

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this war is not against "deluded and enslaved peoples," but against "the false and evil standards which have deluded and enslaved them."

He continued: "We know that the spiritual liberties of mankind, — the influences and institutions that make men good, are in jeopardy." Our war abroad, he declared, does not relieve us of the responsibility of eternal vigilance at home, including the proper instruction of the young, if the spring-waters of democracy are to be kept untainted. President Roosevelt cited in this connection the statement of Thomas Henry Huxley that the Bible is "the most democratic book in the world." He went on to assert that the influence of the Scriptures in the early days of our Republic is plainly revealed in the writing and thinking of the men who made the nation possible. Apart from their professed allegiance to any particular form of religious doctrine, they found in the Scriptures that which shaped their course and determined their action. The President declared that we need all our spiritual resources for the dark days ahead, and he referred to the assurance of the Psalmist: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

At the sea conference of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, they took time to discuss the welfare of the childhood of the allied nations, and decided that "EVERY CHILD should have an opportunity for religious instruction."

### Loyalty to Our Boys and Girls

PATRICK HENRY: "There is a Book worth all other books which were ever printed."

JOHN RUSKIN: "To my early knowledge of the Bible I owe the best part of my taste in literature, and the most precious, and on the whole, the one essential part of my education. When I was a child my mother daily made me learn a part of it by heart."

THEODORE ROOSEVELT: "Among the very greatest men a disproportionately large number have been diligent and close students of the Bible."

MATTHEW ARNOLD: "To the Bible men will return because they cannot do without it, because happiness is our end and aim, and happiness belongs to righteousness, and righteousness is revealed in the Bible."

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT (in the Testaments given to our armed forces): "Throughout the centuries men of many faiths and diverse origins have found in the Sacred Book words of wisdom, council, and inspiration. It is a fountain of strength and now, as always, an aid in attaining the highest aspirations of the human soul."

WILLIAM S. SADLER (one of the best known psychiatrists in America): "The sincere acceptance of the principles and teachings of Christ with respect to the life of mental peace and joy, the life of unselfish thought and clean living, would at once wipe out more than one-half the difficulties, diseases, and sorrow of the human race. . . . The teachings of Jesus applied to our modern civilization — understandingly applied, not merely

nominally accepted — would so purify, uplift, and vitalize us that the race would immediately stand out as a new order of beings, possessing superior mental power and increased moral force. Irrespective of the future rewards of religion, laying aside all discussion of future life, it would pay any man or woman to live the Christ-life just for the mental and moral rewards it affords in this present world."

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ble." Plans have not been completed for reprinting this book. 20,000 copies have been distributed, and we have heard from a good many saved through this message.

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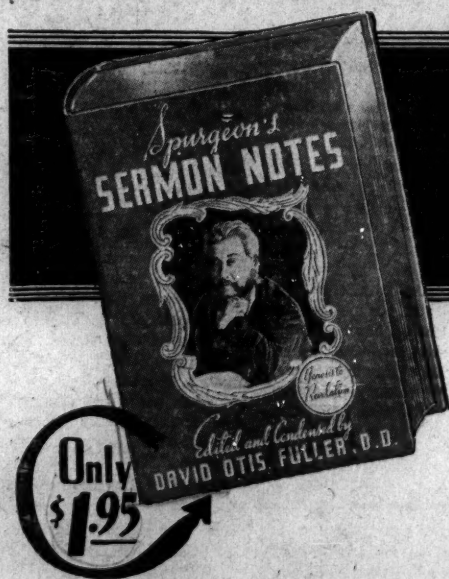
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## The Eternal Security of the Believer

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perfection of Christ's one offering upon the cross. Personally, I never can understand how thoughtful people, taught by the Holy Spirit of God, can carefully read the Epistle to the Hebrews and not see that throughout that Epistle the writer is contrasting the many sacrifices offered under law with the one sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. That to which he particularly calls attention is this: under law every time an Israelite sinned, he needed a new sin offering, and every year the nation had to celebrate the great day of atonement when a new offering was presented to God for the people. Why? Because those sacrifices could never take away sin, they simply covered sin for the time being. But we are told in the tenth chapter of Hebrews that when the Lord Jesus Christ came into the world and offered Himself without spot to God, the effect of His sacrifice was eternal. Verse 14 makes this clear: "For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified." Perfected for how long? "Oh," says somebody, "as long as they are faithful." No, that is not what it says, "He hath perfected for ever." Why? Because the sacrifice is all-efficacious.

I am sure my brethren who deny the doctrine of the eternal security of the believer do not realize that in so doing they are putting a slight upon the finished work of Christ, they are reducing the sacrifice of Christ practically to the level of the offerings of bulls and goats in the Old Testament dispensation. I am sure they do not mean to do that, for they love their Lord just as truly as I trust I love Him, and they do not want to dishonor Him. But they are afraid that this doctrine will lead people to be careless about their lives, and therefore they stress the possibility of a man losing his salvation after he has once been justified by faith. But they do not pursue that to its logical conclusion, they do not see that it is a practical denial of the finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are saved eternally because the sacrifice of Christ abides.

When I came to the Lord Jesus Christ and put my trust in Him, not only were all my sins up to the day of my conversion forgiven, but all my sins were put away for eternity. When a young Christian, I was taught something like this: I thought when I was converted that all my sins, from the time of dawning accountability up to that night when I put my trust in the Lord Jesus, were put away, and now God had given me a new start, and if I could only keep the record clean to the end of my life, I would get to heaven; but if I did not keep it clean, I ceased to be a Christian and I had to get converted all over again. Every time this happened the past was under the blood, but I had to keep the record clean for the future. What a God-dishonoring view of the atonement of Christ that is! If only those of my sins that were committed up to the moment of my conversion were put away by the atoning blood of Jesus, what possibly way would there be by which sins I have confessed after that could be dealt with? The only ground on which God could forgive sins is that Jesus settled for all upon the cross, and when I trust Him, all that He has done goes down to my account.

### What of Future Sins?

A lady came to me one day and said, "I do not get you there. I can quite understand that Christ died for the sins I committed up to the night of my conversion, but do you mean to tell me that Christ died for my future sins?"

I said, "How many of your sins were in the past when Christ died on the cross?"

She looked puzzled for a moment, and then the light broke in, and she said, "How foolish I have been! Of course they were all future when Jesus died for me. I had not committed any of them."

God saw all your sins, and He laid upon Jesus all your iniquity, and therefore, when you trusted Him, you were justified freely from all things. Do you say, "Does it make no difference then if a be-

liever sins?" That is another question, and it would take a whole evening to go into that, but here is the point — the moment you trust the Lord Jesus as your Saviour, your responsibility as a sinner having to do with the God of judgment is ended for eternity, but that same moment your responsibility as a child having to do with a Father in heaven begins. Now if as a child you should sin against your Father, God will have to deal with you about that, but as a Father and not as a Judge. That is a line of truth that stands by itself, and does not contradict what I am now teaching. It explains some things that bewilder people when this doctrine is brought before them.

### The Spirit's Perseverance

In the second place, we base the doctrine of the eternal security of the believer upon the perseverance and omnipotent power of the Holy Spirit of God. Look at the first chapter of the Epistle to the Philippians. Writing to these saints, the apostle says, when he thanks them for their fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Do you see that? Who began the good work in you if you are a believer in the Lord Jesus? The Holy Spirit of God. It was He who convicted you of sin, it was He who led you to put your trust in Christ, it was He who through the Word gave you the witness that you were saved, it is He who has been conforming you to Christ since you first trusted the Lord Jesus. Having thus taken you up in grace, the Holy Spirit has a definite purpose in view. He is going eventually to conform you fully to the image of the Lord Jesus Christ, and He never begins a work that He does not intend to finish. "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." If when you were a poor sinner the Holy Spirit had power sufficient to break down your opposition to God and to bring to an end your unbelief and rebellion, do you think for one moment that He does not have power enough to subdue your will as a believer and to carry on to completion the work that He began?

People say, "I see you believe in that old Baptist doctrine of 'Once in grace, always in grace.'" Or another says, "I understand you hold that old Presbyterian idea of 'The final perseverance of the saints.'" I do not know why this should be called either Baptist or Presbyterian, only to the extent that Baptists and Presbyterians agree with the Book, and the Word of God clearly shows that once God takes us up in grace nothing can separate us from the love of Christ, so that evidently the expression, "Once in grace, always in grace," is a perfectly correct one. But, on the other hand, I am not so enthusiastic about the other expression, "The perseverance of the saints." What I believe in, and what the Word of God clearly teaches, is the perseverance of the Holy Spirit. When He begins a work, He never gives up until it is completed. That is our confidence.

### Experience and Faith

Forty-three years ago the Spirit of God in grace led me to trust the Lord Jesus Christ. I have had many ups-and-downs since then, as the old folks used to sing in a colored camp meeting I attended:

"I am sometimes up and sometimes down,  
But still my soul am heavenly bound."

I have had varied experiences, but the wonderful thing is this, the Holy Spirit of God has never given me up; and if at times I have been wayward and wilful and did not immediately bow before God and repent of my waywardness and wilfulness, then I found I had to come under the rod, my Father's rod, and He whipped me into subjection until I came to the place where I was ready to confess my failure and be restored to fellowship with Him. But I was just as truly His child while getting a

good whipping as I was when the effects of it had restored me to fellowship. Your child does not cease to be your child when you have him over your knee and are using the slipper on him. It is because he is your child, and because you want him to grow up to be a well-behaved boy, that you do that. And so we believe in the perseverance of the Holy Spirit of God, that having begun the work He will carry it on to completion.

### New Creation

In the third place, we base the doctrine of the eternal security of the believer upon the fact of the new creation. In the fifth chapter of second Corinthians, verse seventeen, we read: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." That verse may be rendered like this, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, this is new creation; old things have passed away, and all things have become new."

What do we mean by new creation? Just this: we were once in the place of death, we were once utterly lost and ruined. How did we get there? Follow me now. It was not by any act of our own. Do you say, "I did not get into the place of spiritual death by any act of my own?" No, you did not. Do you say, "I was not lost because of any act of my own?" No, you were not. But why were you numbered among the lost? Because you were born into the world a member of the old creation of which Adam the first was the head, and every child of Adam's race comes into the world lost and is under sentence of death. And so we read in this same chapter in verse 14, "The love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if One died for all, then were all dead."

### The Two Adams

Let me try to make that clear. Here is Adam the first, the head of the old creation, and he was placed on trial in the Garden of Eden. The entire world was represented in him — you were represented in him, I was represented in him. As the Spirit of God says of Levi, "He was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him" (Heb. 7:10), so we, every one of us, were represented there in Adam when the old creation was on trial. Adam failed, and God said, "In the day thou eatest thereof, dying thou shalt die." As a result of that failure the old creation fell down in death, and every person that has ever been born in the world since that time was born down there; no one has been born up here, where Adam the first started, except our Lord Jesus Christ, and His birth was a supernatural one. Therefore, as members of the old creation we were all dead, all lost; but now see what happened. Our Lord Jesus Christ came into the world — the written Word here speaks of Him as the living Word — and He stood on this plane of sinlessness. Adam was created sinless but fell; Jesus came, the sinless One, conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of a virgin mother, but He saw men down there in death, and at the cross He went down into death, down to where man was, and came up in grace from death. But He did not come up alone, for God has quickened us together with Christ, so that all who believe in Him are brought up from that place of death; and as at one time we were made partakers of Adam's race so now we are made partakers of a new creation. What does God do for us now? Does He put us where Adam was before and say, "Now behave yourselves, and you won't die again?" No, He puts us up higher than Adam could ever have gone except by a new and divine creation. "He hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:6), and because we belong to this new creation we can never be lost. You were lost because the head of the old creation failed, and you went down with him. You can never be lost unless the Head of the new creation fails, and if He does you will go down with Him. But thank God, He remains on the throne where God Himself has put Him, in token of His perfect satisfaction in the work He accomplished.

You may have heard of the Irishman who was converted but was

seized with a dreadful fear that some day he might commit some great sin and lose his soul, that he might be lost after all, and he trembled at the thought. He went to a meeting and heard the words read, "Ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." "Glory to God!" shouted Pat; "whoever heard of a man drowning with his head that high above water?" We are linked with Him, we belong to the new creation, and that is why we shall never be lost.

### Eternal Life Possessed Now

In the last place, we rest the truth of the doctrine of the eternal security of the believer upon the fact that the believer is the present possessor of eternal life. It is not merely that if we are faithful to the end we shall receive eternal life. There is a sense in which that is true, there is a sense in which our hope is eternal life. I am a Christian now if I believe on the Lord Jesus Christ; believing on Him I have eternal life, but I have it in a dying body. I am now waiting for the redemption of the body, and when the Lord Jesus comes the second time He shall change this body of my humiliation and make it like unto the body of His glory. Then I shall have received eternal life in all its fullness, spirit, soul, and body entirely conformed to Christ. In that sense I am hoping for eternal life. But over, and over, and over again, Scripture rings the changes on the fact that every believer is at the present time in possession of eternal life. "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:14, 15). Adam's life was forfeitable life, he lost his life because of sin. Eternal life is non-forfeitable life, otherwise it would not be eternal. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Everlasting life is life that lasts forever, and we have it now. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36). "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24).

### His Sheep Follow Him

I have purposely left this point until last because people generally take it for granted it will be the first passage used in taking up this subject. In John 10, reading from verse 27, we are told, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." Notice these three things. It matters not what profession a man makes, if he does not hear the voice of the Son of God he is not a Christian, and therefore the Saviour does not know him as His own. No matter what profession he may make, if he does not follow the Lord Jesus Christ he is only a sham and a fraud and a hypocrite. He may follow for a little while outwardly, like those of whom the apostle Peter speaks who walk in the way of righteousness and then turn from it. "But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire" (2 Pet. 2:22). If that dog had ever been regenerated and become a sheep, if that sow had ever been changed and become a lamb, neither would have gone back to the filth; but you see, the dog was always a dog, and the sow was always a sow. They were just white-washed, not washed white, they were never regenerated, and so went back to the old things. But the sheep of Christ are different. "They follow Me," Jesus says.

### Justified By Faith

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: and I give unto them eternal life." Do you believe it? I do not understand how people can read a passage like that and then talk about a Christian losing his life. It would not be eternal if it could be lost. "And they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand." The original is very strong here. In the English a double negative makes an affir-

mative, but in Greek it only strengthens a declaration, "They shall never, no, never, perish." It is impossible, it is unthinkable, that one who has eternal life shall ever perish. "My Father, which gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand." Here I am, a poor lost sinner, but the Lord in grace picks me up and saves me, and I am in His hand. And now the Father puts His hand around too, and I am in the hand of the Father and of the Son, and the devil himself cannot get me unless he can loosen those hands. Could you think of any greater security than to be in the hands of the Father and of the Son? "Never perish" — "eternal life" — what wondrous words are these! Do not be afraid of God's truth. As well be afraid of the beginning of the gospel that God can freely forgive and justify a guilty sinner by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. People try to put guards around that truth and say, "Yes, you are justified by faith if you have enough good works to add to it." That is not true; it is by faith alone, and good works spring from that. When you know you have eternal life, you will find your heart so filled with love to Christ that you will try to live for His Glory.

### Objections

There will be certain passages coming up in the minds of different ones, and they will say, "What he has said may sound logical enough, but what about this scripture and that?" Let me say, there is no possible scripture that will come to your mind that the present speaker has not considered carefully over and over again. I have not time in one address to go into all these, but I can assure you that having examined them all with the greatest degree of care, I have never been able to find one that can set aside this: "Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." If you have a clear, definite, positive scripture, do not allow some passage that is perplexing, that is difficult of interpretation, that seems somewhat ambiguous, to keep you from believing the positive statement, "He that believeth hath everlasting life." It is because I have a salvation like this to offer to men, it is because God has sent me to proclaim a salvation like this to sinners, that I have confidence in inviting people to come to Jesus, for I know if they get in living touch with my Saviour He will make them His forever.

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## America's Greatest Sin

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murder of my wife?—Nay! I, in my drunken, frenzied, irresponsible condition, have murdered one; but you, you have deliberately voted for the saloons, which have murdered thousands; and they are in full operation today with your consent.

"All of you know in your hearts that these words of mine are not the ravings of an unsound mind, but God Almighty's truth.

"You legalized the saloons that made me a drunkard and a murderer, and you are guilty with me before God and man for the murder of my wife.

"Your honor, I have finished. I am now ready to receive my sentence and be led forth to the place of execution. You will close by asking the Lord to have mercy on my soul. I will close by solemnly asking God to open your blind eyes to your own individual responsibility, so that you will cease to give your support to this dreadful traffic."

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